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C O N F I D E N T I A L BELGRADE 6842

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SUBJ: US PROTEST RE SOVIET USE OF YUGOSLAV AIRSPACE FOR
ANGOLAN AIRLIFT

REF: STATE 300228

1. AMBASSADOR MET DEC 31 WITH ASSISTANT FEDERAL SECRETARY
OSTOJIC (AT LATTER'S REQUEST) AND WAS HANDED FOLLOWING
NOTE IN REPLY TO OURS (REFTEL). COMPLIMENTARY OPENING
AND CLOSING OMITTED.

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2. BEGIN TEXT "THE ALLEGATIONS ABOUT THE SOVIET AIRLIFT

OVER THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA
(FROM THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPLICS) DO NOT
CONFORM TO THE TRUTH. THERE IS NO AIRLIFT WHATSOEVER
OVER THE YUGOSLAV TERRITORY.

3. "AS REGARDS THE OVERFLIGHTS OF FOREIGN AIRCRAFT,
THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA
SOVEREIGNLY DECIDES ON THE GRANTING OF THE RIGHT TO
OVERFLY ITS AIR SPACE TO ALL COUNTRIES ON THE SAME
BASIS, AND ITS COMPETENT AUTHORITIES BRING DECISIONS
THERON IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE EXISTING REGULATIONS
IN FORCE.

4. "THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT CANNOT ACCEPT ANYONE
ELSE'S INTERFERENCE IN ITS SOVEREIGN RIGHT TO MAKE
DECISIONS ON THE GRANTING OF PERMISSION TO UTILIZE ITS
COUNTRY'S AIRSPACE, IN THE SAME WAY AS SUCH INTERFERENCE
IS NOT ALLOWED BY OTHER SOVEREIGN STATES EITHER.

5. "FOR THE REASONS SET FORTH ABOVE THE YUGOSLAV
GOVERNMENT REJECTS THE ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED IN
THE SAID NOTE OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA. END TEXT.

6. MY COMMENTS ON MEETING SENT SEPTTEL.
SILBERMAN

UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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